

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

The text of all pending claims, (including withdrawn claims) is set forth below. Cancelled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims as listed below show added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~strikethrough~~. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), or (not entered).

Please CANCEL claim 3, AMEND claims 1-2 and 4 and ADD new claims 5-8 in accordance with the following:

1. (currently amended) ~~An vehicle-mounted internal combustion engine~~ mounted in a vehicle ~~provided with~~comprising:

~~an EGR line for recirculating exhaust gas;~~

~~an EGR valve which is arranged in the EGR line for controlling and ~~controls~~ an EGR amount;~~ and

~~an EGR controller for controlling the EGR valve,~~

wherein the EGR controller carries out a judgment as to whether the engine is in a scavenging condition, and if judged that the engine is in the scavenging condition, performs control to open the EGR valve, whereby the EGR line is scavenged and a high-temperature exhaust gas having a relatively high moisture content is replaced with a low-temperature exhaust gas having a relatively small moisture content characterized in that said EGR controller performs control of scavenging said EGR line by opening said EGR valve at the time of reducing vehicle speed.

2. (currently amended) ~~A vehicle-mounted internal combustion engine as claimed in claim 1, A vehicle-mounted internal combustion engine comprising:~~

an EGR line for recirculating exhaust gas;

an EGR valve is arranged in the EGR line to control an EGR amount;

an EGR controller for controlling the EGR valve, wherein said EGR controller performs control of scavenging said EGR line by opening said EGR valve at a time of reducing vehicle speed;

an intake line; and

~~provided with an intake throttle valve for controlling an intake air volume in the intake line of the internal combustion engine, and characterized in that, wherein said EGR controller~~

performs control of opening said intake throttle valve up to a predetermined opening at the time of scavenging said EGR line.

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4. (currently amended) ~~A vehicle-mounted internal combustion engine as claimed in claim 3, A vehicle-mounted internal combustion engine comprising:~~  
~~an EGR line for recirculating exhaust gas;~~  
~~an EGR valve in the EGR line to control an EGR amount;~~  
~~an EGR controller for controlling the EGR valve, wherein said EGR controller performs control of scavenging said EGR line by opening said EGR valve during idling;~~  
~~an intake line; and~~  
~~provided with an intake throttle valve for controlling an intake air volume in the intake line of the internal combustion engine, and characterized in that, wherein~~ said EGR controller performs control of opening said intake throttle valve up to a predetermined opening at the time of scavenging said EGR line.

5. (new) An internal combustion engine as claimed in claim 1, wherein said scavenging condition is a decelerated vehicle condition with an accelerator of the vehicle put to OFF.

6. (new) An internal combustion engine as claimed in claim 1, wherein said scavenging condition is an idling engine operation condition.

7. (new) An internal combustion engine comprising:  
an EGR line to recirculate exhaust gas;  
an EGR valve in the EGR line; and  
an EGR controller to open the EGR valve during a scavenging condition of the engine to thereby scavenge the EGR line.

8. (new) An internal combustion engine as claimed in claim 7, wherein the scavenging of the EGR line comprises replacing a high-temperature exhaust gas having a relatively high moisture content with a low-temperature exhaust gas having a relatively small moisture content.